



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON FORT BUCHANAN  
FORT BUCHANAN, PUERTO RICO 00934-3400**

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum No. 15 - Policy for Alignment of Drinking Age with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Law

1. In keeping with the current Department of the Army policy on alcohol use and abuse, this memorandum provides instruction for implementation of the minimum age for purchasing, drinking or possessing alcoholic beverages (beer, wine and hard liquor) at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico.
2. The following policy will be in effect concerning the minimum age for purchasing, drinking or possessing alcoholic beverages and shall be consistent with the laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Effective immediately:
  - a. No person shall knowingly furnish any alcoholic beverages to any person under 18 years of age from the Community Club, package beverage store, snack bars, Morale Welfare and Recreation facilities, Army & Air Force Exchange Service cafeterias and food outlets at Fort Buchanan.
  - b. No person under 18 years of age shall misrepresent their age in any manner for the purpose of obtaining alcoholic beverages; nor shall any person knowingly or intentionally act as an agent to purchase or acquire alcoholic beverages for or on behalf of any person under 18 years of age.
  - c. Civilians, including spouses of military personnel, must meet the 18 years of age requirement to purchase, possess or drink any alcoholic beverage at Fort Buchanan.
3. Each activity at Fort Buchanan responsible for the retail sale of any alcoholic beverage will insure proper identification showing that the person to whom the alcoholic beverage is sold is 18 years of age or older. For this purpose, "proper identification" means any document issued by a governmental agency containing a description of the person, such person's photograph, or both, and stating such person's date of birth and include, without being limited to, a passport, military identification card, driver's license or an identification card authorized by the Commonwealth of

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Puerto Rico, the state of residence of the holder and/or pertinent military authorities. "Proper identification" shall not include a birth certificate.

4. This memorandum is punitive in nature. Violators may be subjected to judicial and/or adverse administrative action, to include loss of privileges and/or installation bar.

5. The POC for this memorandum is the Staff Judge Advocate Office at 707-5133.

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